

CITY OF BURLINGTON
Committee of the Whole Minutes
Robert Miller, Mayor
Beverly R. Gill, City Clerk
February 17, 2010

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. starting with roll call. Aldermen present: Robert Prailes, Ed Johnson, Peter Hintz, Tom Vos, Steve Rauch, Katie Simenson Excused: Jim Prailes, Jeff Fischer Student members present: Bonit Gill and Tony Wang

Staff present: City Attorney John Bjelajac, City Administrator Kevin Lahner, Assistant to the Administrator Megan Johnson, Acting Police Chief Mark Anderson, Department of Public Works Supervisor Dick Pieters, Treasurer Bridget Souffrant, Building Inspector Patrick Scherrer

2. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 2, 2010

A motion was made by Simenson with a second by Johnson to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2010 Committee of the Whole meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried.

4. RESOLUTION 4396(72) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER AUTHORIZING SIDEWALK RECONSTRUCTION AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS WHERE COMPLAINTS WERE RECEIVED AND LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AGAINST THE BENEFITED PROPERTIES"

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4396(72) for discussion. Alderman Bob Prailes questioned whether the residents had been notified. Lahner explained that each affected property owner had received official notification.

This resolution is scheduled for the March 2, 2010 Common Council Meeting.

5. ORDINANCE 1895(16) "AN ORDINANCE TO CONSIDER AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP BY REZONING PROPERTY IMMEDIATELY SOUTH OF 6551 SOUTH PINE STREET FROM A-1 AGRICULTURAL/HOLDING DISTRICT TO I-1 INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT"

Mayor Miller introduced Ordinance 1895(16) for discussion. He stated this is the property where the new DPW Building will be built and it had already received Plan Commission approval.

This ordinance is scheduled for the March 2, 2010 Common Council Meeting.

6. RESOLUTION 4397(73) "A RESOLUTION TO CONSIDER APPROVING AN AGREEMENT WITH SCHREIBER ANDERSON ASSOCIATES, INC., TO PREPARE A PARK, OPEN SPACE AND TRAILS PLAN FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON FOR THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT O \$9,645"

Mayor Miller introduced Resolution 4397(73) for discussion. Bob Prailes stated that there has not been an update to the Outdoor Recreation Plan since 1996 and the Park Board feels there is a need for direction.

Lahner said there is a requirement by the Department of Natural Resources that states that a municipality must have a five-year comprehensive park plan in place to be eligible for stewardship grants.

Vos questioned if anyone has actually kept track of whether the recommendations from the 1996 Plan have ever been accomplished. Lahner stated that he wasn't aware of any document that actually tracked the projects that were suggested. Vos felt the information would be important and useful to have.

Bob Prailes felt the Park Board wasn't aware that the plan from 1996 even existed. Vos thought that was an even bigger problem.

Hintz, as a former member of the Park Board, felt that the board was aware of this document. Hintz stated that the grants the city received for Echo Lake were based on the 1996 Plan. Bob Prailes thought due to the amount of time that had elapsed since Hintz served, that no one on the current board was aware of the 1996 Plan.

Simenson questioned how many grants the city applied for because the study was done and how many were received. She also questioned the value of any grants and were they worth the cost of the study.

The mayor stated that the city at this time does not have someone on staff that could dedicate the many hours needed to track or apply for the grants. He said that he is working with the city administrator to address this issue.

Hintz questioned if this is the same firm that had planned the river front area and if they were, he thought the city should have learned their lesson. Mayor Miller stated it was the same firm and he had been less than pleased with the results but this was not a similar project. The Park Board had positive reviews of the firm from other sources.

Vos reiterated his concern that the Park Board needs direction and this study should provide this opportunity.

7. OTHER MATTERS

None

8. ADJOURN

A motion was made by Johnson with a second by Hintz to adjourn the meeting. With all in favor, the motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

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Racine and Walworth Counties